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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF INSUFFICIENT FEES AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Response is submitted in response to a Notification of Insufficient Fees mailed by the patent office on September 19, 2006. A copy of the Notification is enclosed.

This Response pays the fees due. This response is also a preliminary amendment which reduces the number of claims and the fees which were due. Applicants request amendment to the application.

This Response is timely submitted within two months of the September 19, 2006 mailing date, as November 19, 2006 is a Sunday.

Applicants invite the Examiner to call Applicants' Representative to discuss any issues with this application.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Response.

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